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Item 1 of the provisional agenda
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Provisional agenda and annotations*

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, together with an international seminar on meat as well as a meeting of the Scientific Reference Group on Eating Quality **

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* Delegates attending the meetings are encouraged to register online at https://unedb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=0WajRo or in the event of difficulties with electronic registration, contact the secretariat by e-mail (Stephen.hatem@unece.org).

** Meeting information and documents, the program of the international seminar as well that of the eating quality meeting will be made available at http://www.unece.org/meat-27th-2018.html

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Provisional agenda and annotations (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2018/1)

2. Matters arising since the last session

(a) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will present developments at the level of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards as well as the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Report of the Working Party (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2017/2)

(b) Other organizations

Representatives of other organizations and country delegates will inform the Specialized Section about activities taking place in their agencies or countries that are of relevance to the work of the Section.

3. Meat seminar

Under this item, the Specialized Section will discuss the outcome of the meat seminar held on 2 July 2018.

4. Revision of standards

(a) Goose meat

At its 2017 session, the Specialized Section decided to postpone discussion of amendments to the goose meat standard (Rapporteur, China) to the 2018 session. Delegations are invited to review and discuss the standard and proposals.

Documentation: Goose meat – proposed new standard (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2018/3)

Reference and comparison document: Standard for duck meat (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2018/4)

(b) Porcine meat

At its 2017 session, the Specialized Section decided to revise the Standard for porcine meat (coordinated by Poland and the United States). Delegations are invited to send their comments to the secretariat by 1 June 2018 for review and discussion by the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Porcine meat – proposed amendments (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2018/5)

Reference and comparison document: Standard for porcine meat (ECE/TRADE/369/Rev.1 at http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/meat_e.html)

(c) Ovine meat

At its 2017 session, the Specialized Section decided to revise the Standard for ovine meat (coordinated by Australia). Delegations are invited to send their comments to the secretariat by 1 June 2018 for review and discussion by the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Ovine meat – proposed amendments (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2018/6)

Reference and comparison document: Standard for ovine meat (ECE/TRADE/308/Rev.1 at http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/meat_e.html)

(d) Rabbit meat

At its 2017 session, the Specialized Section decided to revise the Standard for rabbit meat (coordinated by China). Delegations are invited to send their comments to the secretariat by 1 June 2018 for review and discussion by the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Rabbit meat – proposed amendments (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2018/7)

5. Eating quality

As agreed at its 2017 session, the Specialized Section is invited to review the draft guidelines for eating quality research referring to the UNECE bovine standard presented by the Rapporteur (Poland) and the standardized research methodology for eating quality of bovine meat to be publish at UNECE level and proposed by the scientific reference group on eating quality.

Documentation: Eating quality – standardized research methodology for eating quality of bovine meat (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2018/8)

Eating quality – draft guidelines for eating quality research referring to the UNECE bovine standard (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2018/9)

6. Case studies on utilization of standards

At its November 2017 session, the Specialized Section asked delegations to present case studies on the utilization of standards. Delegations are invited to send their contributions to the secretariat by 1 June 2018.

7. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Specialized Section on Meat

At its November 2017 session, the Specialized Section decided to initiate a review of links between its work and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with emphasis on linkages to the meat sector's economic role; the reduction of environmental impacts and better resource utilization; the product's use for food and non-food purposes; the production of high-value protein with otherwise non-utilized resources (grass); and the Specialized Section's standardization of by-products for consumption and further processing. Delegations are invited to send their contributions to the secretariat by 1 June 2018.

8. Other business

Any other issues of interest for the work of the Specialized Section can be discussed under this agenda item.

9. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss proposals and priorities for its future work.

10. Election of officers

The Specialized Section will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At its twenty-sixth session, the group elected Mr. Ian King (Australia) as Chairperson, and Mr. Bucky Gwartney (United States) as Vice-Chairperson.

11. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2018/2).

III. Tentative timetable

Monday, 2 July	10.00 – 13.00	Eating Quality – Meeting of the Scientific Reference Group on Eating Quality And rapporteurs meeting on selected standards
	15.00 – 18.00	International Seminar on Meat
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